

DW_minmax

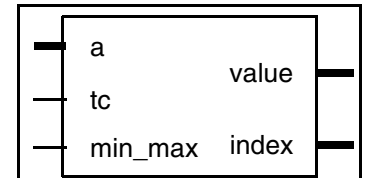
Minimum/Maximum Value

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Features and Benefits

- Parameterized number of inputs
- Parameterized word length
- Unsigned and signed (two's complement) data operation
- Dynamically selectable mode (minimum or maximum)
- Additional output gives an index of the minimum or maximum input
- Inferable using a function call

Revision History



Description

DW_minmax determines the minimum or maximum value of multiple inputs. The *num_inputs* input operands of *width* length must be concatenated into a single input vector (*a*) of *num_inputs* × *width* length. The *value* output is the minimum of all inputs if *min_max*=0, and the maximum if *min_max* = 1. The inputs and the *value* output are interpreted as unsigned numbers if *tc* = 0, and as signed numbers if *tc* = 1.

Table 1-1 Pin Description

Pin Name	Width	Direction	Function
a	<i>num_inputs</i> × <i>width</i> bits	Input	Concatenated input data
tc	1 bit	Input	Two's complement control
min_max	1 bit	Input	Minimum/maximum control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 0 = Minimum (a) ■ 1 = Maximum (a)
value	<i>width</i> bits	Output	Minimum/maximum value
index	$\text{ceil}(\log_2[\text{num_inputs}])$ bits	Output	Index of minimum/maximum input

Table 1-2 Parameter Description

Parameter	Values	Description
width	≥ 1	Input word length
num_inputs	≥ 2 Default: 2	Number of inputs

Table 1-3 Synthesis Implementations^a

Implementation Name	Function	License Feature Required
cla	Carry-lookahead tree synthesis model	DesignWare
clas	Carry-lookahead/select tree synthesis model	DesignWare

a. During synthesis, Synopsys synthesis tools select the appropriate architecture for your constraints. Alternatively, you may use the `set_implementation` command to choose one specific implementation from those listed in this table. For details, see the documentation for your Synopsys synthesis tool.

Table 1-4 Simulation Models

Model	Function
DW01.DW_minmax_cfg_sim	Design unit name for VHDL simulation
dw/dw01/src/DW_minmax_sim.vhd	VHDL simulation model source code
dw/sim_ver/DW_minmax.v	Verilog simulation model source code

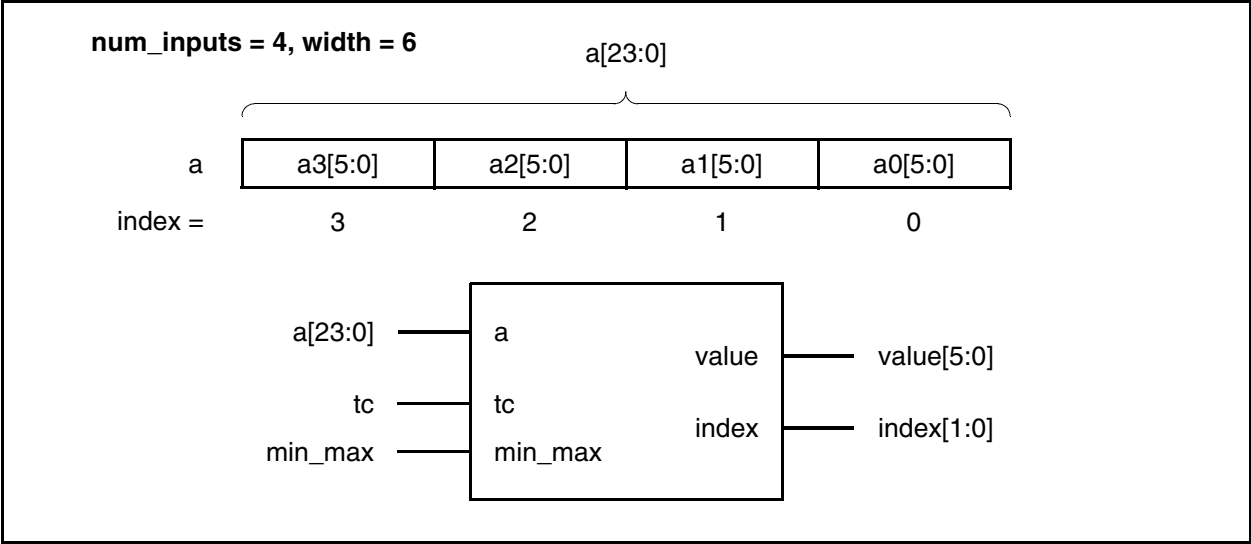
Table 1-5 Functional Description

min_max	a	value
0	$a_n \& \dots \& a_1 \& a_0^a$	min (a_n, \dots, a_1, a_0)
1	$a_n \& \dots \& a_1 \& a_0$	max (a_n, \dots, a_1, a_0)

a. "&" denotes concatenation in VHDL (Verilog: "{ a_n, \dots, a_1, a_0 }")

The `index` output gives the index of the minimum or maximum input as a binary coded number. Therefore, the right-most input within the concatenated input vector has index 0, and the left-most input has index $num_inputs - 1$. If multiple inputs are equal and minimum, the lowest of the indices is given; if multiple inputs are equal and maximum, the highest of the indices is given.

Figure 1-1 Functional Operation



Related Topics

- [Math – Arithmetic Overview](#)
- [DesignWare Building Block IP User Guide](#)

HDL Usage Through Function Inferencing - VHDL

```
library IEEE, DWARE;
use IEEE.std_logic_1164.all;
use IEEE.std_logic_arith.all;
use DWARE.DW_Foundation_arith.all;

-- example: functional inference of 4-input minimum/maximum component
entity DW_minmax_func is
  generic ( wordlength : natural := 8);
  port ( a0, a1, a2, a3 : in  std_logic_vector(wordlength-1 downto 0);
        tc              : in  std_logic;
        max             : in  std_logic;
        val             : out std_logic_vector(wordlength-1 downto 0) );
end DW_minmax_func;

architecture func of DW_minmax_func is
begin

  -- function calls for unsigned/signed minimum/maximum
  -- inputs are concatenated into the first function call operand "a"
  -- the second function call operand is "num_inputs"
  process (a0, a1, a2, a3, max, tc)
  begin
    if max = '0' then
      if tc = '0' then
        val <= std_logic_vector(DWF_min(unsigned(a3 & a2 & a1 & a0), 4));
      else
        val <= std_logic_vector(DWF_min(signed(a3 & a2 & a1 & a0), 4));
      end if;
    else
      if tc = '0' then
        val <= std_logic_vector(DWF_max(unsigned(a3 & a2 & a1 & a0), 4));
      else
        val <= std_logic_vector(DWF_max(signed(a3 & a2 & a1 & a0), 4));
      end if;
    end if;
  end process;

end func;
```

HDL Usage Through Function Inferencing - Verilog

```
// example: functional inference of 4-input minimum/maximum component
module DW_minmax_func (a0, a1, a2, a3, tc, max, val);

    parameter wordlength = 8;

    input  [wordlength-1 : 0] a0, a1, a2, a3;
    input  tc, max;
    output [wordlength-1 : 0] val;

    // pass "width" and "num_inputs" parameters to the inference functions
    parameter width = wordlength;
    parameter num_inputs = 4;

    // Please add search_path = search_path + {synopsys_root + "/dw/sim_ver"}
    // to your .synopsys_dc.setup file (for synthesis) and add
    // +incdir+$SYNOPSYS/dw/sim_ver+ to your verilog simulator command line
    // (for simulation).
    `include "DW_minmax_function.inc"

    // function calls for unsigned/signed minimum/maximum
    // inputs are concatenated into the function call operand
    assign val =
        (max == 1'b0) ? ((tc == 1'b0) ? DWF_min_uns({a3, a2, a1, a0}) :
                                DWF_min_tc ({a3, a2, a1, a0})) :
        ((tc == 1'b0) ? DWF_max_uns({a3, a2, a1, a0}) :
                                DWF_max_tc ({a3, a2, a1, a0}));

endmodule
```

HDL Usage Through Component Instantiation - VHDL

```
library IEEE, DWARE;
use IEEE.std_logic_1164.all;
use DWARE.DW_Foundation_comp_arith.all;

-- example: instantiation of 4-input minimum/maximum component
entity DW_minmax_inst is
  generic ( wordlength : natural := 8);
  port ( a0, a1, a2, a3 : in  std_logic_vector(wordlength-1 downto 0);
        tc              : in  std_logic;
        max             : in  std_logic;
        val             : out std_logic_vector(wordlength-1 downto 0);
        idx             : out std_logic_vector(1 downto 0));
end DW_minmax_inst;

architecture inst of DW_minmax_inst is
  signal a : std_logic_vector(4*wordlength-1 downto 0);
begin

  -- concatenation of inputs
  a <= a3 & a2 & a1 & a0;

  -- instantiation of DW_minmax
  U1 : DW_minmax
    generic map (width => wordlength, num_inputs => 4)
    port map (a => a, tc => tc, min_max => max, value => val, index => idx);
end inst;

-- pragma translate_off
configuration DW_minmax_inst_cfg_inst of DW_minmax_inst is
  for inst
  end for;
end DW_minmax_inst_cfg_inst;
-- pragma translate_on
```

HDL Usage Through Component Instantiation - Verilog

```
// example: instantiation of 4-input minimum/maximum component
module DW_minmax_inst (a0, a1, a2, a3, tc, max, val, idx);

    parameter wordlength = 8;

    input  [wordlength-1 : 0] a0, a1, a2, a3;
    input  tc, max;
    output [wordlength-1 : 0] val;
    output [1 : 0] idx;

    localparam item_count = 4; // the number of items (a0 through a3)

    wire [(wordlength * item_count)-1:0] item_list;

    assign item_list = {a3, a2, a1, a0}; // DW_minmax takes an input
                                        // value that's a concatenation
                                        // of the input values. Index
                                        // 0 corresponds to the last
                                        // value in the concatenation
                                        // which is in the least signi-
                                        // ficant position of the full
                                        // input value

    // instantiation of DW_minmax
    // inputs are concatenated into the input vector
    DW_minmax #(.width(wordlength), .num_inputs(item_count))
        U1 (.a(item_list), .tc(tc), .min_max(max),
            .value(val), .index(idx));

endmodule
```

Revision History

For notes about this release, see the [DesignWare Building Block IP Release Notes](#).

For lists of both known and fixed issues for this component, refer to the [STAR report](#).

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Date	Release	Updates
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